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Docket No. 209127US23

IN RE APPLICATION OF: W. Allan MERZ, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/717,661

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FOR: ELECTRIC FURNACE BOTTOM PROBE

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Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116** in the above-identified application.

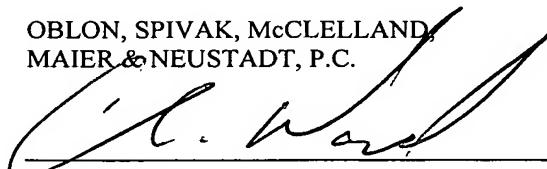
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In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.